The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
November 10, 2000

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert D. Martin as Vice President, Academic Affairs. Dr. Martin will officially assume his position on September 1, 2001 but will spend six weeks with us during mid-February and March to begin his orientation to the Museum, the staff, and our scientific and public programs and initiatives.

Dr. Martin is a biological anthropologist who originally trained in zoology and additionally has strong interests in paleontology and conservation. He has a PhD in Zoology (animal behavior) from Worcester College at the University of Oxford, England. Dr. Martin began his academic appointments in 1969 and comes to us most recently from the Anthropological Institute and Museum, University of Zurich, Switzerland where he has been Director since 1986. Along with his management and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Martin has maintained a continuous, strong output of research projects, publications, and fellowships and grants.

With the recruitment of Dr. Martin, our vice presidential team is now complete. We have a strong executive team in place to lead the Museum.

John McCarter

FIELD NOTES

Week November 13,2000

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo Class
• Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor

Aerobics Class
• Tuesday, 5 p.m. , Ground Floor

Green Sheet Meeting
• Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

Movie Night
• Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. Montgomeray Ward Hall

United Way brown-bag "lunch and learn"
• Thursday, November 16, 2000, at Noon. Lecture Hall 2.

Public/Campus Events

Kremlin Gold
• Exhibit Continues

Endurance
• Exhibit continues

Americanos
• Exhibit Closes Sunday Nov. 12

Star Wars: The Magic of Myth
• Exhibit continues

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The deadline for each week's issue is Wednesday at noon

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Year 2000 is winding down fast. Here are some remaining important dates.

Museum Hours

Thanksgiving Weekend: November 24th, 25th, and 26th
The Field Museum will be open to the public until 6:00 p.m.

Women's Board Holiday Tea: December 6th
The Field Museum will be closed to the public 3:00 p.m.

Field Museum Staff & Holiday Party: December 13th
The Field Museum will be closed to the public 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Week: December 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th
The Field Museum will be open to the public until 6:00 p.m.

Decking Those Halls

The Holiday Decorations will be installed on November 15th, 16th, 21st and 22nd, tentatively.

The South Door canopy will be installed the evening of November 10th in the evening.

The snow fence will be installed early morning on November 11th .

Thanksgiving Restaurant Hours

Corner Bakery will not be open for Thanksgiving Day. McDonald's will be open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

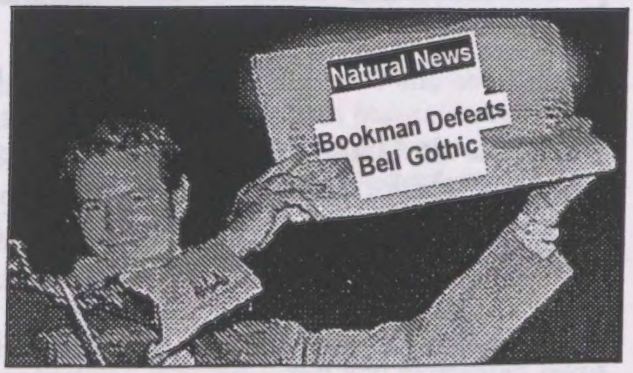
Business Enterprises wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving!

This Month's Staff Movie Night

Our next movie will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2000. We invite all staff and volunteers to come eat, drink, and socialize as well as watch the exciting movie, **HIGH FIDELITY**. Remember that there is no charge for the movie and food, but we are asking for a contribution of $2.00 for beer/wine and $1.00/soda.

Food will be served outside of Montgomery Ward Hall(ground floor, West door) from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Movies will begin around 6:00pm. These nights will be a good way to meet others that you may not normally see during the work day. Hope to see you all there!!

Some People Have Spoken: Bookman-Bell Gothic Locked In Electoral Cliffhanger!



As Field Museum staff holds its breath and waits, it appears that last Friday, we called the *Natural News* for the Bookman type font prematurely. Late returns from some remote precincts in the Museum are calling into serious question our earlier projections that the serif-font had unseated the incumbent sans-serif font known as Bell Gothic. Therefore, we are putting this race in the "too-close-to-call" category.

Bookman made a strong showing early on, until accusations surfaced that it was out of touch with today's publication needs. Exit polls conducted in Bell Gothic strongholds seem to echo this sentiment. Of those polled, several commented that Bookman was as antiquated as the electoral college. "Bookman Schmookman!," responded one of those polled. "Bookman is so early 80's...Acck!" Others, however remarked that Bookman was easier to read. While some felt that one font was better at handling the issues found in the *Natural News*, others stated that they are drawn the other font's "personality."

Bell Gothic was unavailable to comment about hopes that a recount will declare it victorious. Meanwhile, a neutral mediator known as News Gothic MT has stepped in to enable the Natural News to continue operating until a recount can formally declare a final font. Readers may remember News Gothic from the pivotal role it played in the transition between *Natural News* editors in the October 20 and 27 issues.

This confusion should be sorted out by next week. The only thing that is certain at this point is that the fate of the nation hangs on the outcome of this decision (and to a lesser extent, that other undecided contest going on).

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Free Tables

The Fish Division is trying to find a good home for 2 large tables. They aren't pretty, but they are solidly constructed and would make good work surfaces. Dimensions: 37"W x 80"L x 32"H.

Please contact Mary Anne Rogers (x7732) or Kevin Swagel (x7736), Fishes.

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Text and artwork submitted by **Mary Ann Rodgers**

Harris Loan Carts Still Missing

The Harris Loan Carts reported missing in the October 27th issue of the Natural News are *still* missing. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of the carts are urged to call the Harris Loan Center at ext. 7555.

These are very important to the functioning of the Harris Loan program.

Field Museum Officer of the Day

The officer of the day is significant on the weekends. Their weekend responsibilities include making sure the Museum functions effectively in all dimensions that impact the visitor's experience. Their primary role as Officer of the Day is to act as the point person in charge of the public museum. Additionally, the Officer of the Day is the person to contact in the event of an emergency, e.g. floods, electrical problems, staff or visitor medical problems and safety concerns. The Officer of the Day is also responsible for disseminating and coordinating the weekend events and activities with the appropriate departments.

The Officer of the Day is announced at the beginning of the day over the radio. Additionally, the Protection Services Console Operator at ext. 7985 has a weekend schedule for the Officer of the Day. The responsibilities rotate among the following people: **Diane White**, **Jeff Hawkins**, **Fred Cowan**, **Miriam Alleyne** and **Monique Tarleton**.

Submitted by **Dianne White**

I would like to thank all of the generous people who helped make the Founders' Council Annual Meeting on November 8, 2000 such a success. This includes everyone who helps on a continual basis to make the events in the Development truly special: **Audio Visual**, **Housekeeping**, **Engineering**, **Protection Services**, **Shipping**, **Guest Relations**, **Public Services**, **Photography**, and the **Museum Campus**.

This one event is just one example of the daily dedication put forth into each and every event. I am singling the out this particular event because it took a little more effort than what's traditionally expected and everyone came through in full force! Thanks also to those in Development who volunteered time and assisted in other extraordinary ways to make this happen. It's obvious that this event couldn't have been as successful as it was without all of you, and everyone deserves recognition for their extra effort!

Thank you!

Submitted by **Janet Young**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Lance Grande (Curator of Fossil Fishes, Geology), together with his co-PI and colleague **Willy Bemis** (FMNH research associate, and professor at University of Massachusetts Amherst), have just received a new grant from the Systematic Biology program of the National Science Foundation for $239,485, to fund phase two of their current project on the *Morphology and Evolution of Fossil and Living Gars*. This brings the total current NSF support for their gar project to $429,492, and the total that NSF has contributed so far to their larger program on the systematics and evolution of actinopterygian fishes to $1,047,130.

Lance expects the gar project to take another three or four years and end in another large monograph similar to the one he and Willy published in 1998 on amiid fishes. The amiid book was intended to be volume one of a three volume set on neopterygian fishes (a group containing about half of all living vertebrates). Once they finish their volume on gars and kin (in another three years), they plan to begin working on the largest of the three projects—basal teleosts—which they estimate will take another ten years to finish (assuming continued support from the National Science Foundation).

Botanical Conference News from Ecuador

Although a small country, Ecuador is centered within the tropical Andes, considered one of the richest and most unique of the world's "biodiversity hotspots." For example, the recently released Libro Rojo (red book) of endangered plants of Ecuador lists over 4,000 plant species that are known nowhere else on earth. Researchers who study this botanical wealth gathered in Quito, Ecuador recently for the *Tercer Congreso Ecuatoriano de Botánica*.

Among the participants was the Botany department's **Eve Emshwiller**, Abbott Laboratories Adjunct Curator of Economic Botany. She presented a brief summary of her work with the Andean tuber crop "oca," (*Oxalis tuberosa*) and its wild relatives. Eve's work aims to help preserve the diversity of this and other crops that were domesticated in the Central Andean region (Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia) as well as related wild species, many which are found in the threatened cloud forests of the Andean slopes.

Volunteer Mexico Dino Dig

Several of the Museum's *Life Over Time* and Geology Volunteers have just returned from another exciting dinosaur dig in Mexico. Dinosaur bones are found on this high desert near Saltillo in northern Mexico. In addition, on this trip a visit was made to the new "Museum of the Desert," which has a great fossil collection, fascinating exhibits of prehistoric life, petroglyphs from early inhabitants, a living prairie dog community and a cactus garden.

Participants in the dig will be giving a presentation about the trip to other volunteers on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30 in Lecture Hall 2. **Ross Chisholm** led the volunteers who were joined by **Jim Kirkland**, the State Paleontologist of Utah, and **Rene Hernandez** from the University of Mexico. Other Museum participants were **Dennis Kinzig**, **Irene Broede**, **Gail Guzik**, **Warren** and **Mary Valsa**, **Lori Barber**, **Karen Nordquist**, **Jim Storey**, and **Rebecca Conant**.

Submitted by **Karen Nordquist**, Geology Volunteer

Many Thanks forConservation International Tours

As the finale to their board meeting in Chicago, Conservation International (CI) board and staff participated in a behind-the-scenes tour at the Field Museum on Saturday, November 4, 2000. More than 40 CI guests followed the trail of a typical specimen from its arrival at the Museum's "bug room" to its role in conservation action, conservation education and exhibits.

In the rare book room of the library, the CI group was also treated to a look into how field research affected popular and scientific publications. The tour featured presentations by **Bil Alverson** (tools for conservation), **Barry Chernoff** (AquaRAP, fishes), **Carol Fialkowski** (conservation education), **Larry Heaney** (mammals, conservation in the Philippines), **Bill Stanley** (mammals, bug room and other fabulous critters), **Doug Stotz** (*Nature Walk*), and **Ben Williams** (rare book room). Tour guides were **Paul Baker**, **Gillian Darlow**, **Debby Moskovits**, **Juan Salazar**, and **Tyana Wachter**.

Many thanks to the presenters and the tour guides who gave of their Saturdays to make the tour extremely successful. Thanks also for the great support of the following people: **Miriam Alleyne**, **Jeff Hawkins**, **Diane White**, **Janet Young**, **Visitor Services**, **Protection Services**, **Housekeeping**, **Corner Bakery**, and a whopping big thanks for the help of **Kristina Thiel**.

Submitted by **Environmental and Conservation Programs**

November 4, 2000

I am writing to make you aware of the excellent staff (docent) that you have in Jeff (Lippert)

Yesterday (Friday, November 3rd) my wife and myself visited the Endurance display. At around 2:30 PM we joined a tour of the display overseen and given by Jeff. His presentation was a combination of Informative and entertaining. He was masterful in holding our large group's attention and giving us a feeling of what the Endurance experience was all about. He truly, though his talk, helped convey what the Endurance exhibit is all about. I can't say enough. Jeff made the experience both meaningful and enjoyable. He is truly a special individual and volunteer docent. The Field museum has a treasure in Jeff. Unfortunately I am not certain of Jeff's last name, I believe it is something like Liptor. Please forward this E-mail to the education department or whatever appropriate department so that Jeff is recognized for the special talents and gifts that he brings to the Field Museum. Thank You

Giovanni Savaglio.

Submitted by **Patricia Stratton**

The Field Museum

President's Address

Thursday, November 30th

last names beginning A–M
9:00 am – 10:00 am

coffee and bagels
10:00 am

last names beginning N–Z
10:30 am – 11:30 am

Montgomery Ward Lecture Hall

[for Nov. 10, 2000 NN]

November 15th is America Recycles Day!

Field Museum Recycles, too!!

In honor of this occasion, we're taking the opportunity to **refresh everyone's memories on the details of the Field Museum recycling program**. It is currently possible for staff and volunteers to recycle all of the following materials:

☼ **most paper** (exceptions include paper towels, napkins and tissues, brown paper bags, photos, carbon paper, plates, cups, and food-contaminated paper), to be deposited into blue or black office bins or into the BRIGHT green totes stationed around the building

☼ **cardboard boxes,** which must be broken down and deposited in the collection place designated for your area; please remove all non-cardboard items before depositing boxes for pickup

☼ **glass, cans, #s 1 and 2 plastics** are recycled in DARK green totes (also stationed around the building) and in the receptacles in the Siragusa Center. Recycling at events? Look for the large blue recycling cans used for this purpose.

☼ **clean styrofoam peanuts and plastic bubble wrap** can be dropped off with Mary Anne Rogers (Div. of Fishes, ext. 7732) for reuse.

☼ **COMING SOON**: old transparencies will be recyclable, so start saving these to recycle; we hope to collect them during our next clean-up week

In addition to the above listed museum-wide recycling efforts, Gale Asikin is recycling plastic 6-pack rings from the cans that go into our vending machines and FP&O recycles light fixture ballast and light bulbs.

Last Spring we were very fortunate to have a Recycler position designated specifically for paper and cardboard recycling. This position is held by Jason Joyner who collects and bales cardboard, empties large blue paper bins into the green totes and moves the full green totes down to Shipping.

Contact Jason Joyner or the Housekeeping Department for any questions regarding Museum recycling needs.

Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light bulb for four hours.

Recycling saves energy, thus reducing acid rain, global warming and air pollution.

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle:

A few tips on working toward an earth-friendly work environment:

Try to reduce waste. Save some trees!! Don't make that copy unless you absolutely have to. If a memo is half a page long, fit two of them on a page when making copies. Double side xerox whenever you can.

Try to reuse materials. Use the back sides of old documents for note paper when a perfect piece of paper isn't required. Reuse old file folders. Buy recycled products.

Please recycle! If it can't be reused and if it is recyclable, PLEASE make sure it gets recycled and keep it out of the garbage and, ultimately, out of the land fills.

Get to know your Recycling Sub-Committee!

Questions?: Please feel free to contact the Recycling Sub-Committee of the Facilities Planning Advisory Group. The members of this Sub-committee are Bill Stanley, Chair; Betsy Axley, Julie Baker, Paul Baker, Cheryl Braunstein, Sam Burns, Tom Geary, Jason Joyner, Mike Paha, Mary Anne Rogers, Laura Sadler, Sophia Twichell, and John VonKerens.

Topics from November 2, 2000 meeting:

- Introduced Jason Joyner, new Recycler.
- Discussed Freight Elevator back up
- Evaluate toner/ink jet cartridge recycling (Betsy Axley is heading up this project)
- Soy Ink Newsletter Article
- Need labels for recycling bins
- Peanuts have been getting to where they should go. Focus on making sure no peanuts make it to shipping.
- Special Events News: Alan Smetana will be invited to our next meeting to discuss proposal eliminating bottled beer options during special events to be replaced with keg options. Our concern is for trash being generated and the use of #1 recyclable cups. Bottles will be reduced but cups will be increased. Currently, we have 18 smaller blue containers for special event recycling that get locked in the liquor cage to prevent loss.

GOALS:

- Set tracking system in place by end of 2000.

(We need to have a clear idea of when pick-ups are happening & how much is taken away)

- Determine if current recycling companies are doing a good job.

(We will visit Groot & research other companies.)

- Add new Education Sub-committee members.

Next week: a complete list of papers that can and cannot be recycled

Recycling paper uses 60 percent less energy than manufacturing paper from virgin timber.

Recycling metals minimizes the need for mining new minerals and decreases damage to wilderness

BAKER'S CORNER

Paul Baker

If you were alive in 1965 you could have spent this morning wondering why the electricity went off all over the Northeast last night; or, in 1967, you could have read the first issue of Rolling Stone. In Germany, in 1989, you could have been one of the first to walk through the Berlin wall and bring a chunk back for your desk papers. Better yet, due to Parisian George Claude's 9 November 1911 patent on neon advertising, you may have seen his handiwork for advertisers that have appeared at various times on the Eiffel Tower and decided to patronize a fine restaurant in the Bois du Boulogne.

In 1999, after much research, I zeroed in on Le Pre Catalan restaurant located in the heart of the Bois du Boulogne for the trip's "big deal, big meal". Well, what better day than a Saturday? And what better time than lunch? And, no one dresses up for lunch, do they?

I was right about the Saturday: cool but sunny, terrace brilliant with early spring flowers, couples promenading on the paths. I was right about the time: easy Metro ride and short walk, not crowded in the park or restaurant. *Zut, alors*! It turns out that lunch, or "dejeuner" is really the "big deal, big meal" for the French. And, at such a prestigious beanery, dark suits and dresses are derigueur (a word we got from the French meaning "yu luke verrry silly in yer shirt with noe tie an' theese funny panz weeth no cuffs").

I told my companion, as she started to leave, that I **HAD** to eat there, no matter what. "What" turned out to be a table far enough away from the locals that we would not infect them with our poor attempts at *habillement*. Actually, it was a blessing. We could show our ignorance of the menu out of French earshot and I could take pictures of every food item without disturbing the *bien habillé*.

The waiter, a professional of 19 years service, was impressed with our enthusiasm for their food (something the French will not show openly, not even to their lawyers) and he was curious about my photography. "Je suis jounaliste", I lied. From that moment on it was a different story. We bonded.

The seven-course meal was *merveilleux*, right down to the seven desserts (two extra for Franco-American relations) that included gold foil chocolates. We augmented our vocabulary, improved our pronunciation and cemented a link that served me well when I returned this year.

So, cluck at your electric company, read about the Pogues, shuffle your paperweights and, above all, be fearless when eating in Paris.

NN Asks A Scientist or Scientists

In an effort to engage members of our in-house scientific community, the NN will from time to time ask unusual questions about science. Readers are invited to respond to the NN with answers or best guesses.

How does a particle accelerator work? How does it propel particles in opposite directions around a loop several miles long until they smash into one another. How big are these particles? How wide are these tunnels through which they travel?

Also, it's been said that the nation is holding its breath regarding the outcome of the presidential race. If everyone in the nation released their breath at the same time, would it effect the weather? If so, how?

If you know the answer to either or both of these questions, please respond via email to mschmeltzer@fmnh.org, via interoffice mail to Mark Schmeltzer in the development department, or through departmental fax, ext. 7778. Also, if you have a nagging science question you'd like answered, send it to the Natural News.

GOING GOING GONE!!!

ALL THOSE LOVELY HOME FURNISHINGS YOU'VE DROOLED OVER IN *PICTURING Trex* CAN BE YOURS – **IF YOU HAVE THE WINNING BID!**

BELOW ARE THE ITEMS THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN A **SILENT AUCTION** CONDUCTED BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. *ALL EMPLOYEES* (with the exception of Vice Presidents and department heads) *ARE ELIGIBLE TO BID.* (Oh, Mr. President, you're exempt too!) VALUES BELOW ARE RETAIL (WHAT YOU'D HAVE TO PAY ANYWHERE ELSE BUT HERE!)

MINIMUM BID FOR EACH ITEM IS $25.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO DEFRAY COSTS OF THE EXHIBITION.

VIEWING: YOU CAN SEE THIS STUFF BETWEEN **9:00 – 5:00** FROM TODAY **(11/10)** THROUGH MONDAY **11/13**. THEN AGAIN FROM **11/20 – 11/23** BUT THE SHOW WILL THEN BE IN DEINSTALLATION SO THERE ARE **SOME TIME CONSTRAINTS – 11/20 – 11/23, VIEW ONLY BETWEEN 8:30 – 10:30; 11:00 – 12:00; 1:00-2:30 and 3:00 to 4:30.**

NO VIEWING FROM 11/14 – 11/17 – NO EXCEPTIONS
Gallery access restricted due to condition reporting related to de-installation.

TO BID: FILL IN THE COUPON ON THE BACK, CLIP AND PLACE IT (OR THEM IF YOU'RE GOING MULITPLE) IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX IN H.R. BY 4:30 ON WEDNESDAY, 11/22.

HERE'S THE CATCH – **IF** YOU WIN YOU **MUST REMOVE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE** AND **BY NOVEMBER 30TH**. IF YOU DON'T, YOU FORFEIT AND THE NEXT HIGHEST BIDDER GETS THE PIECE. IF THERE IS A TIE, H.R. WILL CALL AND ASK FOR RE-BIDS.

ITEM	RETAIL VALUE
1 Padova black leather sofa	$2999
1 Soho square coffee table	$479
1 Nightstand, solid oak	$925
1 Corbett hanging light fixture	$675
2 Animal print pillows	$400
1 Sudan Desert Armchair	$700
1 Belgian Oriental Rug 8' X 11'	$900
1 Sony 13" color television	$100
1 Wooden collectors cabinet	$900

PADOVA BLACK LEATHER SOFA

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $ _____

2 ANIMAL PRINT PILLOWS

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $

SOHO SQUARE COFFEE TABLE

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $_____

SUDAN DESERT ARMCHAIR

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $_____

NIGHTSTAND, SOLID OAK

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $ _____

BELGIAN ORIENTAL RUG 8' X 11'

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $_____

CORBETT HANGING LIGHT FIXTURE

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $ _____

SONY 13" COLOR TELEVISION

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $ _____

WOODEN COLLECTORS CABINET

Name: _____

Phone ext.:_____

Bid Amount: $ _____

PLEASE PRINT

DON'T FORGET TO CUT EACH COUPON

DROP OFF BY 4:30 ON 11/22
IN CORRECT BOX IN HUMAN RESOURCES

GOOD LUCK!

Special Program for Staff and Volunteers

The Grand Kremlin Palace

Yelena Mironova
Lead Scientific Educator, The Kremlin Museums

Ravaged by fires and restored by emperors, the Grand Kremlin Palace stands as an enduring monument to the spirit of Russia's history. Come learn the dramatic and beautiful story of the place the tsars called home from the 15th through the 20th centuries.

Yelena Mironova has been an educator at the Kremlin Museums for 29 years, teaching Russian history, architecture, and applied and decorative arts to students ages 6-16. She holds a degree in History from the Pedagogical University in Moscow.

Tuesday, November 14
1 - 2 p.m.
Classroom A

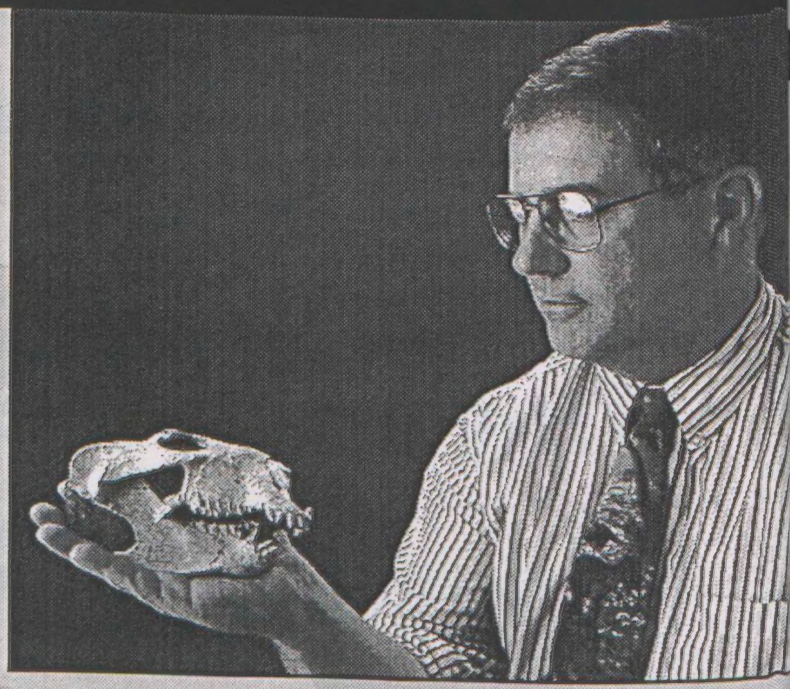
All staff and volunteers are welcome.

Questions? Call Erica at ext. 7547.

The Field Museum Present

New Discoveries Lecture Series

New Discoveries from the Age of Dinosaurs in Madagascar



Dr. John Flynn, The Field Museum

Join Dr. John Flynn, Chair of The Field Museum's Department of Geology, as he explores the Triassic and Jurassic eras of Madagascar, focusing not only on the dinosaurs from this region, but also on early mammals and their "mammal-like reptile" precursors. A leader of numerous field expeditions in the United States, Madagascar, Mexico and South America, Dr. Flynn is interested in integrating paleontologic and geologic techniques in his research. In addition to his position at The Field Museum, he is Associate Chair of the Committee on Evolutionary Biology at the University of Chicago and the President of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.
$12 ($8 members; $10 students and educators).

Author of the August *National Geographic* article, "Monsters of Madagascar"

Please call (312)665-7400 for tickets or more information.

This project was made possible with the assistance of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois State Museum.

The Field Museum salutes the people of Chicago for their long-standing and generous support of the Museum through the Chicago Park District. This project is partially supported by a CityArts Program 4 Grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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Environmentalist David Brower, 88, Dies

David Brower, one of the most potent environmentalists of our time, died Sunday, November 5, at his home in Berkeley, California. According to *The New York Times*, (Tuesday, November 7, 2000, p. C22) Brower fought to protect wilderness areas for more than 50 of his 88 years and was famous for his combative approach to conservation. Many saw him as uncompromising in protecting natural areas, a view which led to disputes with some of his environmental colleagues.

From 1952 until 1969, Brower served as the executive director of the Sierra Club. Other members of the organization who felt that Brower was too aggressive in his opposition to development projects pressured him to step down. Afterwards, he founded two new environmental groups, Friends of the Earth and the John Muir Institute for Environmental Studies, named after the naturalist who founded the Sierra Club in 1892.

In 1982, four years before he finally resigned from the Friends of the Earth, Brower re-joined the board of the Sierra Club. He was re-elected to the Sierra Club's board with overwhelming majorities until he resigned in spring of 2000 over disagreements with the organization's agenda. Also in 1982, Brower founded the Earth Island Institute in San Francisco to promote conservation initiatives around the globe.

Brower continued on with his feisty brand of environmentalism until his death. In recent years, he helped found the Alliance for Sustainable Jobs and the Environment, based in Portland, Oregon. He attended the Green Party convention in June to support presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

David Brower was born in Berkeley in 1912. His father Ross, who taught at the University of California, Berkeley, took David on camping and hiking trips often. Early on, he became enamored with the outdoors. Later, during World War II, Brower served with the 10th mountain division in northern Italy. He returned to Berkeley and remained a member of the Sierra Club, which he had joined in 1933.

As the club's leader during the 1960's, Brower helped block the two major dam projects in the Grand Canyon. He also fought a proposed dam for the Green River in Utah that would have submerged parts of Dinosaur National Monument.

Among the many causes for which Brower worked, he was a powerful advocate for the Northern Cascades in Oregon and Washington, Point Reyes and King Canyon in California, the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina, the Red River Gorge in Kentucky, the Allagash Wilderness in Maine and the Everglades in Florida. He also opposed nuclear energy and the overuse of pesticides and herbicides, and encouraged people to shun cars in favor of getting around on foot.

David Brower leaves behind a wife, Anne, of 57 years three sons, Robert, John and Ken, and a daughter, Barbara.

If you would like to read a copy of the New York Times obituary for David Brower, please see Mark Schmeltzer in the Development department.

COME HEAR HOW *YOU* CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

The Field Museum will hold an informational brown-bag "lunch and learn" about the 2000 United Way employee campaign. Meet representatives from the United Way to learn how your participation can help people in need right here in Chicago.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, at NOON in LECTURE HALL 2.

Please plan to attend. Free desserts and soda will also be provided!

united way

The Way We Care.
Community by Community.